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7 roomed house, with all modern improvements, choice location, big bargain.
Lot and cottage, Victoria West, for sale, close in, at a price which is sure to suit you.
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We are offering in addition to our numerous other bargains, THREE CHOICE BARGAINS for Easter.
Two cottages and one building lot, all well situated.
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SEED POTATOES AT
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Choice Cactus Dahlias.
The best and finest collection in the province. Price \$1.50 to \$5.00 per dozen.

VICTORIA NURSERY,
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G. E. WILKERSON.

TO LET—Large and well lighted rooms in the new building, 111 Government street, suitable for offices and sample rooms. Apply to John Barnesley & Co.

Strong Comments

By Mr. Mann at To-day's Sitting of the Commission in Nanaimo.

Are Extension Miners Afraid of Losing Positions if They Give Evidence?

Witness Says the Chinese Did Not Read Notices Posted in Mines.

(Special to the Times)
Nanaimo, April 12.—Daniel Moffat told the Royal Commission this morning that when fire boss in Wellington mines, he put up danger boards across a grassy place, and had written a warning in English and Chinese. Shortly after he found Chinese with naked lights at this place. They told him they never read the written notices. He had known other cases where the Chinese deliberately tacked back the curtains in front of tunnels, and also set fire to them accidentally, rushing to the shaft to get out without warning anybody. The Chinese he had found utterly untrustworthy, cowardly, selfish and careless. Nanaimo was full of idle white men, who could get work but for the presence of Chinese. Chinese here meant ruin for growing lads.

David Cartwright, a Lancashire miner, said he had advised friends in England not to come here, because of Chinese. He considered Asiatics the main cause of British Columbia's backward condition.

Witnesses from Extension mines were expected to-day, but did not come.

Commissioner Mann said if they didn't come they would have to take it that they were afraid to do so on account of losing their positions if they gave truthful evidence as to Chinese working there. The Commission will go to Union, and probably Extension.

EXPLORED BY MORGAN.
The Financier Put a Stop to Swindling on Atlantic Loner.

(Associated Press.)
New York, April 12.—According to the London correspondent of the Tribune it appears that it was Mr. J. P. Morgan, of New York, who put a stop to the gambling scandal which was reported on Thursday as having occurred on the White Star line steamer Teutonic, while she was at sea. The correspondent says: "It is stated that on his voyage across the Atlantic the great financier was instrumental in discomfiting two card sharps who were reaping a rich harvest among the passengers."

Thursday's dispatch simply says that two first class passengers on the Teutonic were caught cheating at poker and were obliged to make restitution after they had won over £200. The same two men were found to be swindling in the pools on the ship's daily run, whereupon they were forced to give back a check for £50 which they had gained by their methods.

WINTER NAVIGATION.
Steamer Diver Returns to Quebec After a Successful Trip.

(Associated Press.)
Quebec, April 12.—Steamer Diver, which left this port about a month ago to test the feasibility of winter navigation between the Atlantic and this port, has returned, having successfully accomplished her mission.

STUDENT RECOVERING.
(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., April 12.—A special to the Record-Herald from Ann Harbor, Mich., says: "Dr. Novy when asked regarding the condition of Charles Hare, the student who is supposed to have the bubonic plague, said: 'Nothing yet has been decided. He is recovering rapidly. He is out of bed and walks around occasionally inside of the contagious ward.' Student Cummings, who is caring for Hare, has not yet caught any infection, and preventative are still being applied to him."

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Three men had entered his house, and were trying to force a gag in Mrs. Kahney's mouth to prevent her from giving an alarm. Several shots were fired at Kahney with fatal effect. After the shooting the burglars fled from the house, and have not yet been captured.

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TOOK MANY PRISONERS.

Col. Monroe's Mounted Infantry Had Two Hours' Fight Near Dewetsdorp.

(Associated Press.)
London, April 12.—A dispatch from Kitchener, from Pretoria dated April 11th, says:

"Col. Monroe's mounted infantry, after two hours' hard fighting, has captured 80 prisoners, including Commandant Bresla, at Laetindreyne, near Dewetsdorp."

Canadians Return.
Halifax, April 12.—Steamer Lusitania arrived here this morning from Liverpool, having on board a number of invalided Canadians, among whom was Sergt. Cree, of Fennie, B. C.

LAI'D AT REST.
Funeral of the Late Mr. J. C. McLagan Was Largely Attended.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, April 12.—The funeral of the late J. C. McLagan this afternoon was one of the largest attended in the history of the city. Service was held at the family residence, Georgia street, and at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, which was crowded. The service was conducted by Rev. E. D. McLaren. The city council attended in a body, as did also the members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society, while Masons and business men, especially members of the board of trade, attended in large numbers.

Messrs. A. Hodgson, of the News-Advertiser, and Clarke, a commercial traveler, refused to answer questions of the census commissioner, and have been summoned to the police court.

The Army Meat Supply

War Office Confirms Statement That Only Home Production Will Be Used.

Statement By Director of Contracts—New Rule Applies to Refrigerator Beef.

Step Has Been Taken to Assist Some of the British Industries.

(Associated Press.)
London, April 12.—The British war office confirms the report that it is going to try the experiment of supplying the army with only home grown beef. The experiment will extend six months from June 2nd.

The director of contracts, A. Major, said to an Associated Press representative: "The new rule applies only to refrigerator beef, hitherto bought in the open market in London. It will not seriously affect the American trade as the total weekly supply for the army is only 20,000 pounds, which is barely two per cent. of the weekly imports of refrigerator beef into England from the United States. Mr. Broderick's action was taken long before the New Orleans proceedings. It is quite absurd to suppose that any idea of retaliation prompted the order which was due to a natural desire to help some of the industries. The difference in price is very trifling, and we are making that up by giving 'Tommy Atkins' frozen mutton two days instead of one day weekly. If the plan is satisfactory our supply problem will be greatly simplified, for we often have complaints and disagreement over refrigerated beef. You must not suppose that we now use no home grown beef. We have hitherto used refrigerated beef in addition to our ration rather than as an integral part. We have no prejudice against American firms, and we do not believe they will miss this trade to any extent, even if it is decided to continue the experiment."

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In Interest Of Peace

St. Petersburg Newspapers Express Keen Satisfaction at Festivities in France.

And Are of Opinion That Russo-French-Italian Alliance Will Follow.

German Official Says Prospects of European War Are Becoming Very Remote.

(Associated Press.)
London, April 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the newspapers there express keen satisfaction at the festivities at Ville French and Toulon as evidencing the strengthening of the Franco-Russian alliance, and they consider that the Franco-Italian rapprochement is calculated to lead to the early conclusion of an alliance between Russia, France and Italy, which, in view of pacific sentiments of the three powers would, in the opinion of the newspapers of St. Petersburg, constitute a guarantee of European peace.

German Opinions.
Berlin, April 12.—German official circles comment calmly on the Toulon festivities. They claim that Germany has not been unpleasantly impressed thereby, on the contrary, she is glad for everything making for peace. The officials point out the French were less demonstrative than at the reception of the Russian fleet a few years ago. One of them said:

"We can only hail the demonstration as a guarantee of the continuance of peace. The French apparently are dropping the Alsace-Lorraine question. The prospects of a European war are more remote than ever, the nations being too much occupied with developing their economic strength to think of war."

HYPNOTIZED BY TELEPHONE.
Remarkable Experiment Conducted at the Rochester Whist Club.

(Associated Press.)
Rochester, N. Y., April 12.—An interesting and remarkable exhibition of hypnotism was given at the whist club last night in the presence of a large number of physicians, and was very satisfactory. The proposition was to hypnotize a subject by telephone, the subject being at the whist club while the operator at a telephone instrument was stationed in the editorial rooms of the Democrat and Chronicle. Prof. Clayton Wilcox, who recently came from Mexico, performed the experiment. A young man whom he had placed under hypnotic influence several times before was sitting in the whist club rooms last night when he was called to the telephone. He had been told that he would be hypnotized, but expected one of the ordinary demonstrations. As the subject placed the instrument to his ear he heard the following questions: "Is this Charles?" "Yes." "Give me your close attention, please." "Yes." "Sleep," and the subject immediately fell back into the arms of a bystander.

The usual tests were then applied by physicians present, which showed that the man had been thoroughly hypnotized, and he remained in that condition half an hour, when Prof. Wilcox arrived and caused him to awaken.

WILL BE NO CHANGES.
Congress Has Decided the Relations to Exist With Cuba.

(Associated Press.)
New York, April 12.—Senator Spooner, of Wisconsin, a member of the senate committee on foreign relations, is quoted in the Herald special from Washington as saying after a conference with Secretary Root: "Congress has defined the relations which shall exist between the United States and Cuba, and in my judgment it will not agree to any modifications."

Coming from such a source, this is of the utmost importance to the Cubans and shows conclusively that the sending of a commission to Washington to consult the President will be fruitless.

IMPRISONMENT FOR LIBEL.
(Associated Press.)
New York, April 12.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Havana says that Capt. Lucien Young, captain of the port of Havana, has sentenced Secundino Torralba de Garcia and Julio Urrutia, editor and director of El Stevedore, to 90 and 30 days respectively in Alcazar prison for a libelous article. In this article it was said that Capt. Young had told an untruth when he sent to Gen. Wood a copy of the paper purporting to contain the agreement with the stevedores, reached in the recent strike.

ACQUITTED.
(Associated Press.)
Brockville, Ont., April 12.—The jury this morning acquitted the four prisoners, Garratt, Gannon, Dell and Newman, charged with being implicated in the alleged murder of Laurence Banks at Kemptonville on March 7th.

WILL RECEIVE AID.
(Associated Press.)
Toronto, April 12.—Columbia College, New Westminster, is among the Methodist institutions which will receive aid from the 20th century fund.



Campbell's Prescription Store

We keep the largest stock of Drugs and Toilet Articles in the province.

Prescriptions promptly and carefully executed.

Must Not Surrender

Officers or Soldiers Who Yield Will Be Tried By Court Martial.

Lord Methuen Has Left Hospital—Dewet Protected By Bodyguard.

London, April 12.—The war office has issued the following special order regarding surrenders in the field: "Any officer or soldier, who, in the presence of the enemy, displays a white flag or other token of surrender, will be tried by general court martial."

No further news has been received regarding the reported resumption of peace negotiations in South Africa, but the fact that the censor allowed the report to pass and the fact that the government has not issued a denial are held to prove that negotiations of some sort are in progress.

The casualty list issued yesterday revealed the fact that Lord Methuen was discharged from the hospital last week, this being the first notification that he had been ill.

There is no information from South Africa beyond the fact that the British have evacuated Hopetown, which the Daily Mail observes "seems to show that Lord Kitchener's force is none too strong."

It is announced from Brussels that the Dutch Transvaal commission has handed to Mr. Kruger a check for 1,000,000 florins collected in Holland for the assistance of the Boers. It appears that Mr. Kruger's entourage assert that the route from Leydsdorp to Zoutpansburg is heavily fortified, and able to resist the British for a long time.

A news agency this afternoon publishes a dispatch from Capetown confirming a dispatch on the same subject dated to the Associated Press yesterday, which says that Gen. Dewet is so distracted by the hopelessness of his case that he can be fully described as insane. He goes in four of his life amidst his own troops, and keeps himself surrounded night and day by a bodyguard of chosen adherents. But from his own ranks voices are now more frequently heard calling imperatively for peace.

Don't Want Boers.

Melbourne, Victoria, April 12.—The federal cabinet in its first session today, decided that it was unable to recommend the suggestion of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, that Boer prisoners be sent to Tasmania.

PRESIDENT ENTERTAINED.

M. Loubet Lunched on Board the Italian Flagship.

Toulon, April 11.—President Loubet today lunched aboard the Italian flag-ship Lepanto. The Duke of Genoa in toasting the Chief Executive of France, said: "Permit me, Mr. President, to express to you my acknowledgment of the very cordial and sympathetic welcome accorded by France to myself and the squadron under my command. I shall retain an unalterably happy recollection of the magnificent reception, I drink to France and to her armies on land and sea, and I also desire to express my high regard for yourself personally."

Before he resumed his seat, the Duke touched glasses with President Loubet, and the two warmly clasped hands.

President Loubet replied: "Monsieur, I am profoundly moved by the friendship you have just expressed for the French republic and its President, and by the sympathy which you show for its army and navy. It is unnecessary to repeat to you what are the feelings of the French nation towards its ally. You already know them, and I have described them to you. But I wish once more to assure you that we are profoundly touched by the evidence of friendship which His Majesty the King of Italy has given to France by sending your squadron here."

"I drink to the health of the King Victor Emmanuel, to the Royal family, to their prosperity and to the Italian fleet. I drink also to your personal health, Monsieur. Just now I notice in your cabinet pictures of those dear to you. Permit me to associate them with yourself in the good wishes I am now expressing, and to drink to the health of your entire family."

Will Rest at Home.

Paris, April 11.—At the conclusion of the festivities at Toulon, President Loubet will proceed to his home at Montelimaux in the department of the Drome, to visit his aged mother and take a few days' rest after the fatigues of the many functions of the week, which have kept him occupied from early morning until late at night.

As to the political side of the Franco-Italian demonstration the Temps to-night says: "The words pronounced by M. Loubet and the Duke of Genoa, and especially the telegrams exchanged between M. Loubet and the King of Italy stamp the proceedings at Toulon with their true diplomatic significance. France and Italy yesterday gave one another officially the title of friends, which accords well with the fraternity of their hearts and blood. This is an event which must not be distorted, nor wrongly interpreted, but there is little risk of exaggeration of its importance, which, taking everything into consideration is considerable. Both Italy and France have greatly changed since the time of

Hismarch and Crisp. We cannot yet say what fruits yesterday will bring forth, but we augur much therefrom."

REMAINED UNTIL MONDAY.

Justice Jerome Has Reserved His Decision In Rice Case.

New York, April 11.—Lawyer Albert Patrick, who is charged with having caused the death of Wm. March Rice, will probably know this afternoon whether Justice Jerome will hold him to wait the action of the grand jury on the capital charge. It is generally expected that the testimony in committing proceedings will be all in by this afternoon.

The first witness to-day was Wm. J. Kinsley, who was called by Assistant District Attorney Osborne, as an expert in handwriting. The witness was handed several cheques paid by Swenson & Company and signed by Wm. M. Rice, and \$50,000 and \$25,000 drawn on Swenson & Company in favor of Patrick. Mr. Kinsley said that in his opinion the signatures on the will and on the \$25,000 and \$50,000 cheques were not written by the same person who had signed the cheques presented by the prosecution as bearing the genuine signature of Wm. M. Rice.

Mr. Osborne then handed the witness the assignment on the Fifth Avenue Trust Co. and what is known as the "Cremation letter," and Kinsley said: "I have already compared the signatures of those papers with the admitted signatures of the late Mr. Rice, and I say that in my opinion they were not written by the same person."

David N. Carvello, another handwriting expert, corroborated Kinsley's testimony.

Prof. Rudolph Witthaus, the analyst, was the next witness. He testified to having received from Dr. Donlin, the heart, kidneys, liver, stomach and intestines from the body of Wm. March Rice. He analyzed the different organs and found about half a grain of mercury in the liver. There was not sufficient mercury to cause death, but the presence of it in the organs indicated that a larger quantity had been taken by the deceased—just how much he could not determine.

Defendant's counsel, Moore, asked whether the quantity of mercury found in Rice's body indicated that the man had taken sufficient to cause death. The answer was "no."

This ended the taking of testimony, and there was a recess until half-past one, when the attorneys' argument was to be begun.

Remained Until Monday.

New York, April 11.—At the close of the taking of testimony, Justice Jerome said he would withhold his decision as to whether a case sufficiently strong had been presented to warrant the holding of Patrick on the charge of murder until Monday next. Patrick was remanded until that time.

The defence waived examination in the forgery charges against Patrick. David L. Short and Maurice Meyer, and they were held for the grand jury. Bail for Short and Meyer was fixed at \$10,000 each. The amount of Patrick's bail on the forgery charge was not fixed.

BRITISH BRED BEEF.

Imperial Government Will Receive This Only in Filling Army Contracts.

Washington, April 11.—The department of agriculture has received a dispatch from a prominent packing company of Chicago, announcing that they have just been advised that the English government has excluded all beef except home bred from the British army contracts. This, it is stated, is to be effective June 1st next.



Look Ahead, Girls.

If young girls would look ahead it would sometimes save them from serious collision with the men they marry. It is here that ignorance is almost a crime. The young husband cannot understand it when the wife changes to a peevish, nervous, querulous woman. And the young wife does not understand it herself. She only knows that she is very miserable.

If ever there is a time when nature needs help it is when the young girl is adjusting herself to the new conditions of life. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It promotes regularity, drives debilitating drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness.

Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce, by letter, free. All communications are guarded with strict professional privacy. Write without fear or fee to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

"I will drop you a few lines today to let you know that I am feeling well now," writes Miss Anna Stephens of Bellefonte, Pa. "I feel like a new woman. I took several bottles of the Favorite Prescription and 'Gold' as Dr. Pierce calls it. I have no headache now, no backache, and no pain in my side any more. No bearing-down pains. I feel that there is no medicine like Dr. Pierce's medicine. I thank you very much for what you have done for me—your medicine has done me so much good."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure biliousness and sick headache.

PLAGUE AT CANTON.

Ten Thousand Deaths There—Smallpox on United States Man-of-war.

Pekin, April 11.—Robert M. McWade, United States consul at Canton, China, reports that 10,000 deaths from the plague have occurred there during the past six weeks, and that there are 13 cases of smallpox on board the United States monitor Monterey. Only one death has resulted on the Monterey, and the other cases of smallpox are progressing favorably.

The meetings of the foreign ministers at Pekin have been postponed at the request of M. de Giers on account of the Easter holidays.

German Officer Killed.

Berlin, April 11.—A dispatch from Pekin says Capt. Bartsch of the Second Infantry (German) was found dead in the neighborhood of Pekin yesterday. An inquiry has been opened, and the information so far obtained tends to show that the officer met with an accident.

On the other hand a dispatch from Pekin to the Lokal Anzeiger says Capt. Bartsch was shot while riding near the summer palace, and that his horse disappeared.

THE CENTURY FUND.

Rev. Dr. Potts Reports Receipts, Over the Million Dollar Mark.

Toronto, Ont., April 11.—Rev. Dr. Potts, treasurer, made a report to the Methodist general conference committee this morning regarding the 20th century fund. The fund has now reached \$1,200,000, \$800,000 of which has been received in cash, the balance outstanding being \$400,000. Of the total sum \$500,000 is to be applied to church debts. Dr. Potts expects the fund to reach \$1,400,000 by the time all the amounts are in.

REWARD FOR KIDNAPPERS.

Uncle of Boy MacCormick Will Pay \$1,000 For His Return.

New York, April 11.—A reward of \$1,000 will be offered by the uncle of a boy kidnapped by the kidnappers of Willie MacCormick if they return the boy. This ransom will be offered by an uncle of the boy, Michael C. MacCormick, of Washington, D. C., according to a story told at the police headquarters to-day, with the understanding that there will be no questions asked and that the kidnappers will not be prosecuted.

TELEPHONE COMBINATION.

Baltimore, Md., April 11.—Final steps were taken to-day in the big telephone consolidation scheme engineered by the syndicate headed by George Webb, of this city.

At the meeting of the directors of the United Telephone & Telegraph Co., to-day, the following properties were acquired: Maryland Telephone & Telegraph Co., capital stock, \$1,000,000; Pittsburgh & Allegheny Telephone Co., capital stock, \$1,500,000; West Pennsylvania Long Distance Telephone Co., capital stock, \$1,000,000; Home Telephone & Electric Co., capital stock, \$200,000; Allegheny City Telephone Co., capital stock, \$200,000; Hartford County Telephone Co., capital stock, \$10,000.

In all, about 500,000 phones, either in actual operation, or under contract awaiting installation, will go into this combination.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The West Hastings Conservatives have selected E. Gus Porter as their candidate to succeed Mr. Corby in the House of Commons.

The Ophir, with the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York on board, arrived at Cayton yesterday, on the way to Australia.

The Vorwarts, Berlin, the Socialist organ, asserts that the students' demonstrations in Russia have spread to Siberia and that 300 students recently paraded in Tamsk, singing revolutionary songs.

The first cable of the new East river bridge, New York, was raised from the bed of the river yesterday, and drawn taut by a powerful engine until it was one hundred and twenty feet above the surface of the water.

Fire last night destroyed the business of Messrs. Morgan Bros., wholesale manufacturers of saddlery and whips, and dealers in flour and feed, on John street, south, Hamilton. The loss is estimated at nearly \$50,000.

The Prince and Princess of the Asturias, who have been at Madrid since their marriage, started for Saragossa on Wednesday night, on their wedding tour. They will also visit Lourdes, the Riviera, Paris, Rome and Vienna, and expect to return to Madrid about the middle of May.

Lieut.-Col. John Tilton, chairman of the executive of the D. R. A., will command this year's Bismarck team. Col. Tilton commanded the Canadian Wimbledon team some 20 years ago. Major Orchar, 48th Highlanders, Toronto, and Capt. Munro, 90th Winnipeg, are spoken of for the adjutant.

Officers of the North German Lloyd Steamship Co. believe the gold thief allowed himself to be locked up in the baggage room of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse after the gold was deposited in the strong room, and managed to take the booty ashore during the confusion of arriving passengers and the stowing away of the baggage.

President McKinley has made the following appointments: Robt. P. Skinner, of Ohio, to be consul general of the United States at Marseilles, France; Oliver J. D. Hughes, of Connecticut, to be consul general of the United States at Cologne, Germany; and Francis B. Gosner, of Ohio, to be consul general of the United States at Zittau, Germany.

CAUGHT A DREADFUL COLD.

Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1658 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unable to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I gave her some of that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Henderson Bros., Wholesale Agents.

Tug Mystery Ashore

The Vessel Strikes While Going Through Baynes Sound En Route to Willamette.

Stranded Collier Sold to Moran Bros. of Seattle, For \$30,500.

While steaming through Baynes Sound yesterday, en route to the wreck of the collier Willamette, the tug Mystery struck a rock, and unless floated off last night is still hard and fast. She was taking Messrs. Piddock and Jackson, of Seattle, up to where the sale of the stranded Willamette was to be conducted in the afternoon, when her voyage was so abruptly terminated, and her passengers in order to continue their trip were obliged to take to a small boat. Fortunately their point of destination was only about seven or eight miles distant, and they were able to reach the collier in time for the sale. Returning, they embarked on the tug Sadie, and were consequently not very seriously inconvenienced. As they passed the Mystery last evening she was still fast on the rock on which she struck, and Capt. Bayman was looking forward to getting afloat at high tide during the night. She was in no particular danger of further damage on the rock, and did not appear to have sustained any serious injury.

THE WILLAMETTE SOLD.

Bidding was brisk at the sale of the wrecked collier Willamette, which was put at auction yesterday afternoon, there being a large attendance of shipping men from Victoria and Seattle. Starting at \$5,000, bids rose to \$30,500, at which figure the vessel was knocked down to Moran Bros. of Seattle. W. F. Bullen, of this city, offered as high as \$12,000 on the wreck, but owing to the particularly favorable condition in which the ship lies, rivalry for getting her was keen. She is said to be in splendid position for saving, and it is understood that Moran Bros., of Seattle, will make an endeavor to raise her as she lies, using, if possible, their own plant in the work. Such a contract is regarded as feasible, because of the Willamette being a compartment ship whose ballast tanks run perpendicularly between deck and bottom. The Seattle Shipbuilding Company purchased the 900 tons of coal in the ship for \$105.

NEW QUARTZ DISCOVERY.

News comes from the Skeena river through the arrival of the steamer Ross, that a discovery of a fresh discovery of quartz in the neighborhood of Kitse-lav canyon. The find is reported to have been made by H. Jones, on the party employed in blasting there for the government. Details of the discovery, however, were not learned by the officers of the Ross. When the steamer left the Skeena the run of oil-chains was reported to be over. The news was said to have been a very large one. The fishermen who went up the river for R. Cunningham on the tug Chief-tain took 350 barrels, while Peter Herman is stated to have secured 50 barrels. The Rossowitz had but a dozen salmon passengers on the voyage down, including Provincial Constable Wollacott, who brought down a prisoner accused of having broken into the "million store at Albert Bay; Indian Agent P. R. Lawson, J. H. Pollard, D. Wilson and Messrs. McCulloch and Sylvester.

BUT ONE SEALER SPOKEN.

Only one of the sealing fleet is reported by the steamer Queen City, which returned from the West Coast last evening. The C. D. Rand had been in on the coast, and information was given that the officers had a catch of 140 seals. The Queen City had as passengers on part of her rounds H. Gager, who has been looking over the ore producing properties along the coast, with a view to ascertaining what amount of mineral would be available for the smelter to be established on Barclay Sound, to which reference has been made in the Times on different occasions. He is said to have been greatly pleased with the outlook on Barclay Sound, and was going from there to Uclulet. The passengers to arrive on the steamer were G. H. Hayes, G. H. Byrnes, C. H. Hand, C. F. Lee, D. McCawley, L. Kirkpatrick, J. Condon and O. Coulson.

SALMON PRICES FIXED.

Advices from Astoria of April 1st note the fact that at a meeting of the Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union, held that evening, the price of salmon to the canneries for the coming season was fixed at 6 cents per pound, meaning that the cold storage men will be obliged to pay 8 cents per pound for the large fish. The coming season on the Columbia river was to have opened on the 10th.

THE VICTORIA SAILS.

Steamship Victoria, of Dowell & Company's fleet, will leave the ood dock for China and Japan this afternoon. She will have a full cargo, as previously stated, and will receive here as passengers some dozen or more Chinese. Percy McKinnell, chief engineer of the steamer City of Seattle, has been appointed chief engineer on the vessel, vice P. G. Hill, who has resigned to become Lloyd's surveyor for the newly created district of Tacoma.

A RECORD BROKEN.

The steamer Athlon, recently built at Port Townsend, Wash., for H. B. Kennedy, of Seattle, has established a new record for speed between Port Townsend and the Queen City of the Sound. She made the run early this week in two hours and twenty minutes, the next best record to which was made by the Victoria in two hours and thirty-eight minutes.

MARINE NOTES.

Another steamer has arrived at Hong Kong with plates damaged similarly to the Thetis, of the C. P. R. line. This vessel is the Ping Sui from Seattle. She sustained her damage in the same

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THE FIRST BLOW.

It is, we confess, hard to credit the report which has been cable to the United States that it is the intention of the British government henceforth to give home productions a preference when purchasing supplies for the army or navy. It may be that the imagination of our American friends has been stimulated by the feeling that they have for a long time deserved to be shut out of the privileges which they absolutely refuse to accord to their best customer. But we hope the correspondents have not been misinformed. It may have a whole-some effect upon the protectionists of the United States to dissipate their dream that Great Britain is entirely dependent upon them for the necessities of life and that they may take any liberties they please and twist the tail of the lion into knots without his making the slightest move towards retaliation. John Bull has a penchant for purchasing his goods in the cheapest market without regard to the situation of that market that is in some respects commendable. But under certain circumstances virtues assume the aspect of vices, and we submit that the patience with which John has presented the other cheek to his commercial smiter as well as general "bully" and "villipenter" has not been calculated to increase colonial respect for him.

The United States could procure many things from Great Britain cheaper than they buy them at home. Ships of war and commerce can be built in the British yards at about one-third less, but our neighbors stick to the home market. Their government believes that "patriotism begins at home," and it reserves American commerce for American ships. Not only so, but one of the principal problems engaging its attention at the present time is how to out the mercantile marine of Great Britain from the position of the chief carrier of the world's commerce. It is all very well to say that the American people are the sufferers, as they have to pay the piper. They care not for the cost so long as they have the glory of carrying all that is greatest upon earth. Their fiscal system may be all a mistake. Probably they might achieve all they hope for much more quickly under free trade. But if it is clear that it would be in the interests of both if a more reasonable policy prevailed on this side of the water, it is surely the duty of Great Britain to bring pressure to bear in the only way the Americans can appreciate to bring about such a desirable consummation. It is only too true that our amiable neighbors to the south are filled with bubbling over with a sense of their political and commercial omnipotence and that a dose of the medicine which they are so fond of administering to other nations might do them good. Once convince them that there is a possibility of their losing not only the British government but the British people as well as customers and they will be much more pleasant gentlemen to deal with.

THE COOK CHARGES.

We are rather sorry for Mr. H. H. Cook, the gentleman who was so anxious for a seat in the Senate that he became a Tory, and a very unscrupulous one at that, to gain it. He seems to feel his position keenly himself, too, which is more to his credit than the charges he made against a dead man. He has quarrelled with some of his friends who are not Liberals and threatened to punch the noses of diverse persons for reasons which were not brought out by the inquisitorial court of the Senate. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, the genial old gentleman and self-confessed non-partisan who leads the Tory majority in the Upper Chamber which is so fast dwindling away, recognises that this is his last chance to direct an assault upon the government, and he is deriving the greatest enjoyment from his position.

Whatever the outcome of the investigation may be, it is well to remember that the friends of Mr. Cook refused to put in the witness box the only men who could corroborate his statements and that the only living ones said to be implicated have given them an emphatic denial. The matter therefore resolves itself into a question of whose statements are most worthy of credence—those of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright or the affirmation of a man who was so eager to occupy a public position that he engaged in a conspiracy with the political opponents of his party to accomplish its defeat. Whatever the findings of the Senate committee may be, these are the facts which have so far been brought out. It is reported that a discovery has been made that some of the letters read by Mr. Cook have been tampered with, although even as altered they are not incriminating in any way. It is also said that the son of the late Mr. Cameron has suddenly appeared at Ottawa and that he will have something to say about the aspersions Mr. Cook has cast upon his dead father.

In looking over the report of the proceedings we do not wonder at the reluctance of Mr. Cook to appear in the matter at all. But, as we have already said, it was Sir Mackenzie's last chance, and he could not forego it. The proceedings contain a warning to politicians, however. When they fail to secure a nomination from several constituencies they should recognise the fact that they may be lacking in some of the qualifications necessary in a public man, and that as the selection rests entirely with the people it is of no avail to protest and impugn their judgment. It is also well to remember that there may be quite as strong as those of the most persistent of the applicants and that if any one has reason to be dissatisfied with the policy of the party to which he has hitherto given his support there are perfectly legitimate ways of signifying his disapproval and of working to secure its defeat. Mr. Cook was in a measure rendered insane by his thwarted ambition, and he resorted to measures which have blasted his reputation and ended his public career.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

The work of amalgamation goes on rapidly in the United States. At the present rate of progress there will soon be a man in the country "in business for himself." Presently there will be no internal competition, and as the tariff effectually guards against foreigners interfering with the progress of the native, in the last stage the people will find themselves all employees of trusts and customers of trusts. The capitalists will probably live in Europe, draw their fat dividends at a comfortable distance from labor troubles and political turmoil and marry their sons and daughters to princesses and princes. Thus everything common will be kept at a distance and beyond possibility of offending. The lower classes of Europe know their place and the higher orders from this continent who have attained to the positions which they were ordained by Providence to adorn will have no occupation but to increase the measure of their "culchaw" and meditate upon the wisdom of Providence in creating the "lower classes."

This is the new form of slavery into which the world appears to be rapidly drifting. It is only possible in protectionist countries, as far as can be judged at present, although Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan appears to have some hopes of introducing his system into Europe. Perhaps he calculates upon inducing Great Britain to change her fiscal policy, and thus make straight the path for his operations.

The question is how long will the people—who are generally supposed to be omnipotent on this continent, although it is a great mistake to submit to this sort of thing? Millionaires are being turned out at a rate that positively paralyzing. The greater the development the more numerous they become. If the conditions were such as they ought to be the benefits of the great natural wealth of the country would be more evenly distributed. Carnegie ground the faces of his poor workmen, became the owner of many millions and of a castle and estate in Scotland, and his wealth is accumulating faster than he can give it away. He wants to educate the workmen now through the establishment of free libraries and make them more conscious of the inequalities of life on this free continent.

Who can foretell what the outcome will be? Will the government be compelled to take possession of and operate every business in the country in the interests of the people, or will the people rise

themselves and smash the fiscal system which has made such a state of affairs possible? There is an interesting time ahead for our neighbors. Wait till the next cycle of depression of business comes along.

We have never been ignorant of nor tried to conceal the fact that the C. P. R. has a "pull" at Ottawa as well as in Victoria. It prevented the construction of the Kettle River Railway, and it is opposing the construction of the Crow's Nest Southern because it does not want to see another company coming into what it has the goodness to consider its special preserve. There is not the slightest doubt that both these undertakings if completed would be of the greatest benefit to British Columbia. The government at Ottawa should be aware that the people here most concerned have no fear of a coal famine and that they thoroughly understand that but for the opposition of the patriotic and unselfish C. P. R., such a question would never have been raised. If the coal company gave any evidence of a disposition to treat Canadian concerns unfairly, of what use are the government's fifty thousand acres of coal measures if it fail to put them in operation and bring the company to time? Besides, any such action would give the C. P. R. a splendid opportunity and market for its coal. The time will come when British Columbia will inquire why this company and this province are subjected to treatment different from that accorded to institutions and provinces in other parts of the Dominion.

Mr. Barton, the Premier of the new Australian Commonwealth, seems to have been placed in a somewhat embarrassing position as a result of the elections. Practically the only question upon which there is a difference of opinion as between the two political parties which have already been formed in the Union is in regard to the tariff. The conclusion is general that the revenue must be raised by duties on imports. Forty members of the House of Representatives favor a high tariff and thirty-five want it made as low as possible. In the Senate there were 21 lows and 15 highs, so it will be seen that the two branches of the Legislature are diametrically opposed to each other, and that in the event of a joint vote, which is the method provided for ending a deadlock, the lows would probably have it by a majority of one. It seems probable, therefore, that the government will be defeated, unless, of course, it is familiar with ways of securing a majority of which we are not entirely ignorant on this side of the Pacific.

If the news sent out by the C. P. R. telegraphs were dated from the place in which two-thirds of it originates neither the company nor newspapers would be made ridiculous by the publication of such stuff as the following from the Winnipeg Telegram:

"Vancouver, April 3.—The government steamer Quadra has returned with the party on board who were looking for a British Columbia station for the Pacific squadron. It is understood that the station chosen is Barclay Sound, extending four miles upon the south side, where the bottom is covered with a black ooze."

It will be noticed that the Quadra returned to Vancouver after discovering a station with sufficient black ooze on its bottom to make comfortable the position of the Pacific squadron. Did anybody ever read a news item of the same length with so many errors in it? Will our Winnipeg contemporary please note that the Pacific squadron is already stationed, and that it is the cable that is looking for a comfortable bed of "ooze."

THE CORPORATION TREAS.

Ottawa Events.

There is a gigantic scheme on foot, and one which has already made considerable progress, of which the people should be warned and against which they should be fortified. This scheme is no less than the control of leading newspapers throughout the Dominion by a combination of capitalists who have schemes to exploit, and who want a powerful newspaper combination behind them. The scheme is not yet so far as has been learned, mature enough to justify the naming of the "organs" which have gone into it. The plan is to secure a leading paper in each of the chief cities of Canada, and use it for the public defence of the combination's schemes. Already several leading papers have passed into the hands of the combination, and their work is being done daily under the guise of the independent advocacy of the people's interests. People who watch their papers carefully will not be long in discovering for themselves which are the "organs" of the combination, and my advice to them is to stop taking them so soon as they become convinced of where they are at. It will not be enough to merely refuse to accept their opinions or to be influenced by their arguments. To countenance and support them means placing in the hands of the combination a power over the government which it is almost impossible for any government to resist.

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Jewish World.

A scholar was asked at an examination to give an account of the patriarch Abraham. He wrote: "He was the father of Lot, and had two wives. One was called Ishmael and the other Hagar. He kept one at home and he turned the other into the desert, where she became a pillar of salt in the daytime and a pillar of fire by night."

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THE COAST-KOOTENAY ROAD.

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The city of Victoria took the initiative among the cities of the Coast in demanding that the Coast-Kootenay railway bonus be given to a company independent of, and which would run the road in competition with the C. P. R. The public meeting at which leading citizens were appointed and consented to interview the government and urge the wishes and views of the community spoke with no uncertain voice. The city of Vancouver has followed the example of Victoria and has endorsed the demand for a competitive line. The utterances of the citizens of these two large centres are emphatic and in neither city can a baker's dozen be obtained who will give the opinion contrary to that expressed at the meetings. How the government is to escape from the position in which it has been placed by the unanimous voice of these, the leading commercial centres of the province, it is difficult to see. Especially how it is to do so when their demands are backed up by the wishes of the entire population of the Coast, the Kootenays, the portions of the province which will be most affected and whose interests are most directly concerned in the construction of the line, is something that we fancy the government itself will be unable to discover. By their actions it is apparent that Premier Dunsinville and those of his cottagers who are under his dictation are running themselves into a very close corner, indeed, and the result will be that their present course, will be involved in the general collapse of their scheme. The country does not propose to submit to a "shred" of their reputation, and the interested desire in this matter, and a competitive line it will have at all hazards. If then the administration refuses to give the bonus to the V. V. & E. Company the only possible thing for them to do to save a shred of their reputation will be to make it to postpone the whole thing for a year. By doing so it will only be a very small shred of reputation that they will be able to preserve.

As Mr. E. V. Bodwell pointed out in a letter to the Victoria Premier Dunsinville, having declared that he was bound to make the best bargain he could for the country, must see that that bargain shall be one made with a company other than the Canadian Pacific; that to allow them to build the road upon any terms and under any conditions would be to bind up the country and prevent competition and would in every sense be the worst bargain that could be made. It will be quite apparent, as Mr. Bodwell insisted, that the C. P. R. could afford to build the road without a bonus of any kind, or could afford even to pay a large bonus for the privilege of creating the Similkameen and Fraser river valleys into a preserve for their own purposes. The Premier could not fail to see that to allow the C. P. R. to build the road, even without a bonus, was to close up every avenue of competition for the province and to turn the people of this province over to the slightest whim of a company who could never emancipate themselves except at a tremendous cost and after a most bitter struggle. Already under the V. V. & E. charter government control is assured. If the subsidy goes to that road the country gets railway competition in addition to government control. If the C. P. R. is allowed to build it the benefit of competition is abandoned and a much smaller measure of government control is obtained, since the C. P. R. is not under the same restrictions as the V. V. & E.

In calling for tenders for the construction of the line the government practically admits that they are advertising for a policy and asking for suggestions on the course which the government should take. Now it will be admitted without hesitation by anyone who gives the slightest consideration to the matter and has any understanding of how a government should conduct itself, that Premier Dunsinville and his cabinet should first decide, as a matter of principle, that they will not deal with the conditions as they are, but that they will set the conditions as they should be, and if they think the conditions they demand will not be altogether acceptable to the company they might invite a consideration of

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them by the company before bringing in their bill and have them reasonably modified, rather than prevent the construction of the road.
The construction of this railway is of such vital importance to the interior that it would be calamitous to have the building of it delayed. It would be more calamitous still if it were not constructed by a company competing with the C. P. R. We therefore hail with unstinted pleasure the efforts which are being put forth by the citizens of Victoria and Vancouver to obtain the bonus for the V. V. & E. Company. They are little less interested than we are in the final success of this company. Ultimately they will share equally with us in the benefits of healthy railway competition, and they are taking the wise course in insisting that the government shall not be false to the trust which is imposed upon them.

Personal.

L. Kilpatrick, of Port Renfrew, was a passenger from the West Coast yesterday. He is staying at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Kilpatrick says the "building prospects" of Port Renfrew are very bright. The English company, which has invested in the town property on Gordon river, are pushing their developments, and according to Mr. Kilpatrick, who has prospect in that district for six years, there are millions of tons of iron in sight. The buildings for the steel works are to be started in the summer. The local mill is going forward rapidly. The lumber, which was to have been shipped from this city for that purpose, has not as yet reached Port Renfrew. J. J. Baird, who is superintending the building of the establishment, has chartered a special boat, which is now loading lumber, to be taken to the Coast for that purpose. Work on the new wharf has not commenced yet, but was to be in progress in about a month. Mr. Kilpatrick, in talking with a miner from Wreck Bay on his trip down, was told that as much as \$100 a day had been taken out at Wreck Bay recently.

The following are among those registered at the Dominion hotel: D. B. Hosket and A. G. Price, of Tacoma; W. E. Morrison, of Extension; Capt. N. McCallum, wife and son, of Glasgow, Scotland; Curtis Gardner, and M. E. Bowman, of Portland, Ore.; H. McLean, of Vancouver; Chas. Holmes and J. W. Holmes, of Sonoma; and J. W. Stewart, manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Co. of Vancouver.

J. Francis Lee, traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon railway, arrived in the city from the Mainland last evening. He states that the prospects for the business in the North this season are particularly bright. The freight going up at this time of the year is much heavier than that which went up at this time last year.

J. Crawshaw and C. Crawshaw, of Minneapolis, Minn., arrived in the city the other day and are at the Dominion. They are making a tour of the Coast and are busy today taking in all the sights worth seeing in the vicinity of Victoria. This afternoon they visited the Royal Navy yards.

Mrs. J. E. Kennedy, Miss Kennedy, Miss Hornsby, Mrs. J. S. Plaskett, Mrs. H. E. Kennedy and children, are a party of Toronto tourists who are guests at the Dominion hotel. They arrived in the city yesterday, and are spending a few days enjoying the climate of the Coast.

G. E. Black, Seattle; E. Brandenstein, San Francisco; C. H. Hand, Butte, Mont.; R. H. Shipley, Leadville, Colo.; H. F. Thomas, New York; and W. S. McGregor, Toronto, are among those registered at the Driford.

D. A. Upper, J. Keith Wilson and daughter, Miss Pemberton and J. Patton were among the Victorians who left yesterday for Seattle for the purpose of attending the kennel show at that city.

H. Darling, superintendent of the White Pass & Yukon railway, arrived in the city last evening, accompanied by Mrs. Darling. They are guests at the Driford hotel.

John Prentice, of the J. Y. Griffin Company and British Columbia vice-president

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of the Northwest Travellers' Association, arrived in the city yesterday and registered at the Victoria hotel. Mr. Prentice has recently returned from a trip to the Old Country, which he thoroughly enjoyed, and will spend a few days in the city on business.

A. Waters, from Madoc, Ont., has arrived in this city and will likely become a resident. He will be an acquisition in lacrosse circles, having played with first-class teams in the East, including the Madoc, Marmora and Norwood teams.

David Wilson, M. A., inspector of public schools, left San Francisco on the 11th, and is expected to arrive in Victoria by Sunday morning's boat. As a result of his Californian trip, he is reported to be fully restored to health.

The delegates from the Victoria Lacrosse Club, W. E. Ditchburn, W. H. Wilson and C. Blain, leave to-night for Vancouver to attend the convention of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association, which meets to-morrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Howe and family are in the city enjoying a brief vacation. They are the guests of Steve Jones, the proprietor of the Dominion hotel, who is Mrs. Howe's brother.

Dr. Jones, brother of Dr. O. M. Jones, of this city, left last evening for the Old Country. He will travel by the Great Northern railway and steamer Campana.

T. U. Durrand, formerly of the firm of Durrand Brothers & Co., in this city, has been appointed cashier of the Dawson branch of the W. A. T. & T. Co., Seattle.

Jas. Stables, M. P. P., left for the Mainland last evening. He will spend the remainder of his holidays either in Vancouver or New Westminster.

J. S. Pitts and wife and Miss Mackay, of St. John's, are in the city, guests at the Driford hotel. They arrived in the city last evening.

Frank Eaton, M. A., superintendent of schools for Victoria, has gone to Kamloops, where he hopes to regain his former strength.

F. J. Wheeler, of the G. N. railway, Vancouver, and E. V. Bodwell were among the passengers returning from the Sound yesterday.

C. H. Minter, of the Pacific Coast Photo Co., and R. J. Dwyer and son, of Butte, Mont., are registered at the Dominion hotel.

Rev. Father Althoff, after paying a visit to Port Townsend, arrived in the city yesterday by the steamer Rosalie.

E. J. Palmer and G. T. Porter were among those leaving for Seattle by the steamer Rosalie yesterday.

H. Davis, of Montreal, and W. W. Beann, of New York, are two commercial men staying at the Driford hotel.

Mrs. A. McBride, mother of the Hon. Richard McBride, is in the city, visiting the Minister of Mines.

M. Hirschmann, of San Francisco, arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer Rosalie.

Capt. A. A. Sears and wife, after paying a brief visit to Seattle, returned yesterday. F. Carter Cotton and S. F. Mackenzie, of Vancouver, are staying at the Driford hotel. Capt. Harrison, of the bark Senator, is in the city, a guest at the Victoria hotel. Jos. Cathcart and P. J. Pedron, of the mainland, are at the Victoria hotel.

F. W. Foster and E. Dewdney arrived from Vancouver yesterday.
T. Taylor, M. P. P. for Revelstoke, left for his home last evening.
J. A. Hinton arrived from Vancouver last evening.

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- (b) Habener Etude
- (c) Wagner-Liszt Romance
- (d) Loeschhorn Etude
- (e) For Two Pianos.
- Misses Stoddart and Russell.
- Capt. A. A. Sears and wife. Selected
- Mr. H. Kent.
- Miss Russell.
- Schumann Andante in F
- Miss Violet Powell.
- (a) Chopin Value
- (b) Chopin Fantasia Impromptu
- (c) Heller Tarantelle
- (d) Lack Value
- (e) Heller Value
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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 12, 5 a.m.—The barometer
is high over the North Pacific slope, the
centre of the area being at Barkerville;
these conditions will probably cause a spell
of fair weather for the next day or two.
Winds are mostly light and the weather
fair. Occasional showers have fallen in
Washington, and frost occurred last night
at Westminster. East of the Rockies, the
low area is central in Assiniboia, and fair
cool weather prevails.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light or moderate
winds, mostly fair to-day and Saturday,
not much change in temperature, frost to
night.

Lower Mainland—Light winds, chiefly fair
to-day and Saturday, stationary tempera-
ture, frost to-night.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.49; temperature,
38; minimum, 35; wind, calm; weather,
fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.38; tem-
perature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 4 miles
E.; calm, 10; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.24; temperature,
38; minimum, 35; wind, calm; weather,
fair.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.22; tempera-
ture, 14; minimum, 14; wind, calm; weather,
clear.

Sau Francisco—Barometer, 30.18; tem-
perature, 46; minimum, 46; wind, 6 miles
S.; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Try new White Label Rice Ribbon Tea.

The Sterling Dry Goods House has
removed to 39 Government Street.

The first Chemist's hospital hall
given by the Women's Auxiliary of that
institution takes place in Chemist's
hall this evening. The ladies in charge
have completed elaborate arrangements
for the event, and a large attendance
is expected. The train leaves for the scene
of the function at 7 o'clock. The offi-
cers of the auxiliary are Mrs. E. J. Palm-

Mrs. J. H. Edmunds will sing at the
drill hall concert to-morrow night.

er, president; Mrs. R. B. Halhed, vice-
president, and Miss M. A. Conway,
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The directors of the Provincial
Royal Jubilee hospital will meet in the
board of trade buildings at 8 o'clock on
the evening of Tuesday, the 16th.

The honorary treasurer of the Royal
Jubilee hospital acknowledges with
thanks the donation of \$6 to the funds
of the institution from "John. Post,
Esq."

The Savoy gambling case will come
up for final hearing in the police court
to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Geo.
Powell, counsel for the defence, has re-
turned, and with the joint consent of
both sides in the case to-morrow was set
for the hearing.

A. Stewart, having recently pur-
chased at a sacrifice the immense stock
of Thos. Bradbury, is now prepared to
give bargains in monumental work never
before heard of in Victoria. Intending
buyers should not delay, but take ad-
vantage of this rare opportunity.

Opposition steamer "Rosale" sails
for Seattle, daily, except Saturday, at
7.30 p. m.

Mary J. C. Ahern, the infant daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ahern, died
last Wednesday at the residence. The
funeral will take place from the family
residence, 173 Simcoe Street, at 9 o'clock
to-morrow morning, and from the Roman
Catholic cathedral at 9.30. Rev. Father
Atholl will conduct the religious services
at the church and grave.

The members of Nos. 3, 4 and 6
companies will go down to Macaulay fort
again to-morrow for the second of the
regular fortnightly drills on the 6-inch
guns, when the special class for gun-
layers will also be held under Sergt.
Major Mulcahy, leaving Government
street by the 2 o'clock car.

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concert to-morrow night.

—Inspect the Rambler Bicycle.
Cyclery, Broad and Broughton streets.

The fast steamer Dolphin will sail
from here on Friday morning, April
19th, for Skagway and way ports.
E. B. Blackwood, agent.

—Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKenzie, of
54 Fourth street, mourn the loss by death
of their infant son Thomas, aged 1 year
4 months. The funeral takes place to-
morrow afternoon.

—The charge against Ah Lee of steal-
ing an alarm clock and \$110 from 29
Chatham street occupied most of the
morning in the police court. The evi-
dence of the owners of the clock and
money was taken this morning, while
this afternoon the police officers are be-
ing examined.

—There will be a meeting of the Veter-
ans' Association to-night in Pioneer hall,
when W. H. Collins will read a paper on
the history of the 95th Regt., and its
experiences in the campaign of 1885.
Songs will be rendered by J. G. Brown,
P. McHardison and others. Members of
H. M. forces are welcome.

—The Epworth League of the Metro-
politan Methodist church held a meet-
ing in the schoolroom last night instead
of last Monday night, at which officers
for the ensuing year were appointed by
ballot. The appointment of the officer
to fill the position of the first vice-presi-
dency, however, was deferred until the
next meeting, the report of which will
embody a list of the officers elected.

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—Another large house greeted the
Neil company at the Victoria last night,
when "A Social Highwayman" was pre-
sented—a play giving more scope to the
different members of the company indi-
vidually than "Nell Gwynn," which was
on the boards on Thursday night. Mr.
Neil certainly appeared to better ad-
vantage in the role of Courtes Jaffray
than the character of Richmond, and as
the dignified and confidential man of
society who confessed being a thief when
it was too late to win back the respect
of his fellow club men, acted strongly
and realistically. On the other hand
Miss Chapman, the charming, sprightly
Nell Gwynn of the night previous, was
not so conspicuous, although taking his
part equally well. Miss Forbes, as
Edgar Burham, whose admiration and
ultimate love for all that was manly in
the unfortunate Jaffray, was the in-
cubator of much jealousy, also acquitted
herself in a manner exceedingly pleas-
ing to the audience, while the remainder
of the company appeared to be well
balanced. The play was given in four
acts, and was prettily staged.

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BAND CONCERT.

Attractive Programme for To-morrow
Evening's Entertainment at
Drill Hall.

It is safe to venture the prediction that
very few of the local devotees of music
will miss the opportunity of hearing Mrs.
Jennie Houghton Edmunds at the prome-
nade concert to-morrow evening. Mrs.
Edmunds is the most prominent vocal
artist in Seattle, where she is a decided
favorite. Her voice is described as hav-
ing a "clear, resonant soprano, full of
richness and sweetness." In the produc-
tion of the Messiah at the Seattle Ply-
mouth Congregational church by the
Washington University Choral club, as-
sisted by the Seattle and Tacoma Choral
Societies, she sang "I Know That My
Redeemer Liveth," and "How Beauti-
ful Are the Feet," in a manner to call
forth most eulogistic comments from the
press. The band selections comprise
three first time numbers, viz: "Wedding
of the Winds," a fine original waltz;
"Coon Hollow Capers," a good cake
walk, and "Reminiscences of Bellini," in-
troducing solos for the cornet and en-
semble to be executed by Bandsmen
North and Finn respectively, and pre-
sented fine scope for the clarinet corps
of the band in the celebrated cavatina
"Ab non Glunge," from "Sommam-
bula," the difficult cadenzas being en-
trusted into the efficient hands of Bands-
man E. Muriset. The other selections
are equally meritorious, providing both
variety and excellence in such a way as
to leave nothing wanting. The entire pro-
gramme follows:

PART I.
Overture—"Cinderella"..... Rossini
Char. Sketch—"Klein Kobold"..... Ellenberg
Obligato for Bassoon, Bandman Wales.
Concert Waltzes—"Wedding of the
Minds" (new)..... Madsen
Vocal Solo—"As the Dew"..... Otto Cauter
Mrs. Jennie Houghton-Edmunds.

PART II.
Grand Selection—"Reminiscences of Bel-
lini" (new)..... Arr. Godfrey
(Introducing, as solos for principal
instruments, all the favorite Arias
and Cavatinas from 185 many operas
of this great writer, together with
scenas, spirited choruses, etc., for
full band.)
Vocal Solo—Selected..... Gills
Mrs. Jennie Houghton-Edmunds.
Popular Selection—"A Bunch of Beans"
..... Gills
Two-Step—"Coon Hollow Capers" (new)
..... Gills
God Save the King.

BRICKS FOR SEATTLE.

Victoria Firm Sending Large Shipment
To the Sound.

The first contract for the shipping of
bricks to any Sound city for building
purposes has been awarded by a Seattle
contractor to Elford & Smith. The con-
tract calls for 400,000 bricks, and it will
take four full acres to carry the required
amount to Seattle. The brick business in
Victoria is at present very brisk, but
Mr. Elford, when seen this morning,
stated that in Seattle it was hard to pro-
cure any bricks. The companies were
turning them out as fast as possible—in
fact working night and day—but they
found it impossible to supply the demand.
The particular contractor from whom
Elford & Smith received their order is
building a large brick establishment, and
on going to the Seattle brick yards to
order the material, he was told that he
would have to wait his turn. He then
figured how much it would cost him to
bring bricks from Victoria. He found
that prices here in the first place were
very much lower than in Seattle. The
price in Seattle is \$11 a thousand, while
in this city it is \$7 a thousand. The
duty is \$1.75 a thousand, and counting
up other expenses in shipping, the total
price of obtaining bricks from Victoria
would come to about what they cost in
Seattle. Finding this out, the contrac-
tor promptly ordered the supply here.
Although this is the first order, the
Victoria brick firms are hoping others
will come in a very short time, because
of the difficulty of obtaining them in
Seattle.

Mr. Elford employs quite a number of
Chinamen handling bricks, yet he is very
much opposed to that class of labor. It
was his intention to have given evidence
before the Royal commission, but cir-
cumstances prevented him. He says that
he would not employ the Chinese unless
he was forced to do so. Speaking of
cheap labor, he said there was no such
a thing. The Chinaman did not do nearly
as much as a white man, or if he found
himself able to do as much, he asked
wages equal to the white man. He fav-
ors the total exclusion of the yellow men,
and says that if this is done white la-
borers will soon immigrate and fill their
places. As an example, he pointed out
that in Seattle the brick yards were not
suffering for want of Chinese laborers.
On the other hand, they were making
large profits and paying their men good
wages.

—Steamer Willapa arrived at Van-
couver from Northern British Columbia
ports this morning, and left for Victoria
at 10.30 o'clock. As soon as arriving,
she will commence loading for the return
North, and will sail to-night.

Don't fail to hear Mrs. Edmunds at drill hall concert to-morrow night.

—Steamer Chamier left Vancouver at
1.25 o'clock, after connecting with the
Eastern train.

—The funeral of the late John D. Tait
took place yesterday afternoon from the
B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Co. Rev.
Dr. Wilson conducted the services.

—Court Northern Light, A. O. F., held
their quarterly meeting on Wednesday
evening. The committee having charge
of the union smoker and concert an-
nounced that the social will be held next
Wednesday at K. of P. hall. Tickets
will be issued to the members, to admit
their friends. Dr. J. Gibbs has again
resumed his office as one of the court
surgeons.

—Word was brought by the Boscowitz
last evening that the steamer Neil had
a very rough voyage going north from
Victoria. She ran into a tide rip off
Cape Mudge, and was considerably buff-
eted about. The two fishing boats
which she was towing broke loose in the
roughness of the water, and for a time
it was thought they would be lost. They
were afterwards, however, picked up by
the Indians.

—Mr. Justice Walken disposed of the
following applications in Chambers this
morning: Chong Man Chock vs. Kai
Tung, the application was adjourned till
18th April; application for letters of ad-
ministration in the estate of John Mc-
Rae, deceased, was granted; applications
for probate of will in the estates of Croft,
deceased, and John Ross, deceased, were
each granted.

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NOTE.—Alum baking powders are low priced, as
alum costs but two cents a pound; but
alum is a corrosive poison and it renders the
baking powder dangerous to use in food.

COMMUNICATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

To the Editor: A good deal of interest and discussion has lately appeared in our papers regarding the proposed railway which will be built in the near future. Although I am practically a stranger in this province, I have come to stay, and naturally I take an interest in the welfare of the province. I think under the existing conditions of today that all necessary precaution should be exercised in order to prevent the interests of the province becoming absorbed by any syndicate, large or small. We can very plausibly see the enormous possibilities which may, and very likely will, take place before long. A syndicate that controls one billion two hundred and sixty millions can you fully comprehend that amount could very easily buy out the C. P. R. and soon control our entire railway system. Now, in my humble opinion, would it not be wise to submit the railway question to the people and let them voice their opinions as to who shall build our railroads. There is the freest competition possible to the charter, consequently it must be a very remunerative business. Then there are the generous subsidies which our government so willingly bestows on the company, to say nothing of a very handsome compensation for carrying the mail, etc. Now there is no room for the argument that the people of the Dominion of Canada pay for building and equipping every mile of road that is built, and the syndicates receive them as a present, and it is high time that the people demanded what they paid for as an asset, and used for the good and welfare of the public. What right have these who are elected as our representatives to pilfer our minerals and millions of acres of our land, and present it to a few favored individuals who are constantly "begging" for more? If the public reads the protestations and agitations in some of our sister provinces they will soon see that the people are beginning to demand their rights in order to free themselves from monopoly, and the people of British Columbia should take time by the forelock and see that our representatives do not sacrifice the rights and interests of the public to the greedy few at the expense of the many, and every one of us. Keep our valuable mines and land, and if there are so many millions in them for a few who happen to have means to start development and make the mines pay the rest and millions beside, there is the same amount of wealth hidden there for the government to develop and put into the treasury, and then the question of building railways, and possibly all other construction, will have been solved to the entire satisfaction of the very great majority.

HOPEFUL.

BURY THE WIRES.

To the Editor: I have noticed lately a suggestion to have the city council pass a by-law compelling all companies owning and operating electric wires on Government streets to place them underground before that street be paved and made up-to-date. It is now some years ago since such a law went into effect in Chicago, Boston, New York and other cities, and was rigorously enforced, the different companies being given a certain time to remove all poles from the streets, after which time the city were to remove these objectionable features by force. Needless to say force was not necessary, the companies realizing for once the city was "bossed." If these cities had good reasons for their action at the time mentioned, how much more so have we as good, or even better reasons at this later date, is a question which can be answered easily, and easiest of all from the standpoint of public safety. With the ever increasing tangled network of overhead wires there, is increased danger to the fire-fighter, if ever we have a large fire, and who knows what may at any time happen to our fair city, as has happened to hundreds of others? Again, I could point out instances where fires have been suppressed in the nick of time, resulting from crossing of these wires, say wires, telephones, call box, telegraph, with the heavy wires run by the electric light and tramway companies. These conditions could not obtain were the wires buried, and then look at the improvement from the standpoint of the "looks of the thing." A "leafless forest" very fairly describes Government as well as other streets. If it be urged that this is too expensive, it can be said with equal truth and more force, that it will have to come some day, and will then entail all the more expense, and necessitate the taking up of the street, which could be avoided were the work done now. I think therefore would be very applicable to the present state of affairs.

ANTI-ELECTROCUTIONIST.

A RATEPAYER'S PROTEST.

To the Editor: I am sure the general public are getting more than tired of reading and listening to the old chestnut, viz., Craigflower road question. But there seems to be a danger of our present council wasting several hundred dollars this year in improving this old trail for the purpose, I may say, of pandering to a few votes in that section of the city, and thereby continuing to detract from the beauty and symmetry of property in our fair city, rather than attempt to improve the city's appearance in that respect. The council of 1890 passed a by-law closing this old trail, and had the succeeding council just left good enough alone, this matter would have been forever ended. But, no; they had to open this old trail again and incur some two hundred and sixty odd dollars legal expenses in doing so, just as if they had money to burn, and of the general taxpayers' pockets. Then comes the question of fixing up the road for which the council in their wisdom have seen fit to appropriate (as a waster) the sum of two hundred dollars more. This, of course, is only a drop in the bucket of what will eventually cost, as I understand the property owners will have to be compensated liberally for the damage done to their lots by this old trail running diagonally through them, thereby taking away nine tenths of their value. Now, as a ratepayer of this city, I wish to enter my protest in the strongest terms against any council

FACE BLEMISHES BANISHED

GARFIELD TEA

AT ALL DRUGGISTS, 25 CENTS.

DOANS KIDNEY PILLS

Watch for this Trade Mark.

LOWER IRELAND, Oct. 29th, 1900.
DEAR SIR, I was so troubled with my kidneys that I could not get a good night's rest, having to get up five or six times during the night to urinate. Whenever I did urinate it was always accompanied by a scalding sensation, and I always felt weak and tired and could hardly move around. If I was exposed in any way I would be laid up for some days. I used four boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills and they have done me so much good in removing all my troubles, that I can now sleep with comfort and consider I am completely cured.

ROBERT BAILEY.

ST. JACOB'S, ONT., March 27th, 1900.
DEAR SIR, Before using Doan's Pills I had a continual pain in the region of the kidneys, but after using one box the pain had disappeared and I ascribe it to your pills.

C. THIEL.

WHAT WE CLAIM,

WE PROVE

by the following testimonials received from those who have used Doan's Pills.

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TESTIMONIALS.

ST. THOMAS, NOV. 28th, 1900.
DEAR SIR, I am now 73 years of age and for some time past have been troubled with blood in my water. Whenever I would urinate it would be half blood, but I am glad to say that I took Doan's Pills and my urine is now as clear as it ever was, thanks to your pills.

WM. HUNTER.

FORD'S MILL, N.B., Jan. 3rd, 1900.
DEAR SIR, I have great pleasure in telling you of the good Doan's Pills have done me.

I was laid up completely with sore back so that I could not straighten up without terrible pains. Three boxes of your pills cured me and I cannot recommend them too highly.

MRS. PHINEAS BEERS.

FENELON FALLS, ONT.
GENTLEMEN, I have been troubled with lame back for about a year.

I procured a box of Doan's Pills and after taking them I am completely cured and can highly recommend them to any person suffering from the same.

JAMES PATTERSON.

FORESTVILLE, ONT., Oct. 8th, 1900.
THE DOAN KIDNEY PILL CO., Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR, For several years I was troubled with scanty and very highly colored urine, accompanied with pains in the back. I have taken one box of Doan's Pills and they have had an astonishing effect, remedying all of these disorders.

W. C. MCCOLL.

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Has Been Proved and Not Found Wanting
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ROWLAND MACHIN,

GENERAL AGENT, VICTORIA, B. C.

the wrath of the Boxers upon himself, but upon his whole family as well, and that it was as much as they could expect to do to hold together those that had already accepted Christianity in such a time as this, and under such conditions, the Chinese boy succeeded in bringing in nineteen men to be instructed in the faith. "I do not," said the preacher, "give you this as an example of one who suffered, but as an example of one who was willing to run great risks."

As an example of one who underwent a fearful martyrdom, the nature of which would be too dreadful even to conjecture, the lecturer referred to the case of another boy, having heard that the Boxers had reached the place where his father lived, was filled with a desire, as he put it, to go down and tell the people to stand fast in their religion. Notwithstanding that Boxer pickets were at every cross road on the way, and well knowing the awful penalty of being caught, this boy persisted in wishing to go. At length he was permitted to depart. He went and suffered. When the lecturer continued, people told him that the Chinese did not make good converts, he asked them to set their standard, and unless they could set it beyond such a death as that boy underwent, he could produce his convert to fulfil what they might require. He could hardly bring himself to refer to the absurd charge sometimes levelled at converts of being "rice Christians"; in fact, he feared were the missionaries in fact being an ulterior motive in a man who expressed himself anxious to embrace Christianity, that their work was sometimes seriously handicapped, and men thoroughly in earnest were discouraged.

CAUGHT A DREADFUL COLD.
Marion Kooke, manager for T. M. Thompson, a large importer of fine millinery at 1058 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, says: "During the late severe weather I caught a dreadful cold which kept me awake at night and made me unable to attend my work during the day. One of my milliners was taking Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a severe cold at that time, which seemed to relieve her so quickly that I bought some for myself. It acted like magic and I began to improve at once. I am now entirely well and feel very pleased to acknowledge its merits." For sale by Henderson Bros., wholesale agents.

The value of the sea fisheries of the United Kingdom last year reached a total of £12,000,000.

A WONDERFUL RIDE.
A Chilean military journal, the Revista de Caballeria, gives an account of a long distance ride recently accomplished by a party of Chilean cavalry officers, which is interesting, as showing the endurance of horses of pure Chilean breed. Twenty-one officers took part in the ride, mounted on their ordinary charges. On the first day 81 miles were accomplished; a like distance on the second, and on the third 83 miles, making a total distance of 250 miles in three days. The route lay along very bad roads, over a mountainous country, a height of over 3,000 feet above the level of the sea being reached.

TIDE TABLE.
Victoria, B. C., April, 1901.
(Issued by the Tidal Survey Branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date	Day	High Water	Low Water	
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1 M.	1.32 7.3	1.30 6.7	7.50 4.8	19 14.0
2 W.	1.35 7.4	1.33 6.8	8.25 4.3	19 14.0
3 W.	1.40 7.6	1.38 6.7	8.57 3.8	20 14.0
4 Th.	2.04 7.8	1.36 6.6	9.30 3.4	21 15.3
5 F.	2.28 7.9	1.33 6.5	10.04 3.0	21 15.3
6 Sa.	2.55 8.0	1.28 6.4	10.40 2.6	22 16.1
7 Su.	3.20 8.0	1.24 6.3	11.19 2.2	23 16.8
8 M.	3.40 8.0	1.20 6.2	12.02 1.8	23 16.8
9 Tu.	3.56 8.0	1.16 6.1	12.49 1.4	24 17.6
10 W.	4.10 8.0	1.12 6.0	13.00 1.0	24 17.6
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13 Sa.	4.46 8.0	1.00 5.7	15.10 0.0	26 19.2
14 Su.	4.56 8.0	0.96 5.6	15.58 0.0	26 19.2
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16 Tu.	5.15 8.0	0.88 5.4	17.10 0.0	27 20.0
17 W.	5.24 8.0	0.84 5.3	17.45 0.0	28 20.8
18 Th.	5.33 8.0	0.80 5.2	18.20 0.0	28 20.8
19 F.	5.42 8.0	0.76 5.1	18.55 0.0	29 21.6
20 Sa.	5.51 8.0	0.72 5.0	19.30 0.0	29 21.6
21 Su.	5.60 8.0	0.68 4.9	20.05 0.0	30 22.4
22 M.	5.69 8.0	0.64 4.8	20.40 0.0	30 22.4
23 Tu.	5.78 8.0	0.60 4.7	21.15 0.0	31 23.2
24 W.	5.87 8.0	0.56 4.6	21.50 0.0	31 23.2
25 Th.	5.96 8.0	0.52 4.5	22.25 0.0	1 M 24.0
26 F.	6.05 8.0	0.48 4.4	23.00 0.0	1 M 24.0
27 Sa.	6.14 8.0	0.44 4.3	23.35 0.0	2 M 24.8
28 Su.	6.23 8.0	0.40 4.2	24.10 0.0	2 M 24.8
29 M.	6.32 8.0	0.36 4.1	24.45 0.0	3 M 25.6
30 Tu.	6.41 8.0	0.32 4.0	25.20 0.0	3 M 25.6

The share of land falling to each inhabitant of the globe in the event of a partition would be about 23½ acres.

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TIME TABLE NO. 41.

IN EFFECT SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1901.

NORTH BOUND

Sat. & Sun. Daily, Sun.

A.M. P.M.

Leave Victoria 9:00 4:25

Leave Shawinigan Lake 10:15 5:42

Leave Alderlea (Dunsmuir) 10:56 6:20

Leave Chepauqua 11:47 6:50

Leave Ladysmith 11:47 7:10

P.M. P.M.

Leave Nanaimo 12:45 8:02

Arrive Wellington 1:00 8:17

NIGHT TRAIN

Leave Nanaimo 12:45 8:02

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Leave Spokane 8:00 a.m.

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John Cochrane,
CHEMIST.
N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

THE CASE CONTINUED.

(Continued From Page 3.)

The proceedings in connection with the case of Smith vs. Empress of Japan were resumed in the Admiralty court this morning. Capt. Eyles, of the liner, being under cross-examination by W. J. Taylor, K. C., representing the plaintiff. The versatility required of a barrister was strongly exemplified by counsel this morning, who was evidently well primed on nautical terminology. The greater part of the examination was with the use of diagrams on which the witness marked the direction and course of both vessels before the collision. He first outlined the course and direction of the Empress, before her deviation of four points, consequent upon the order "hard a-port." He also stated that from the time he first observed the bark until the collision she had altered her course. The witness then illustrated by means of the diagram the extent of the deviation of both vessels, as well as their course before and subsequent to the deviation.

In regard to the direction of the wind at the time he differed from the reports received from Seah Bay and Cape Beale. One minute elapsed from the time he first saw the ship before the collision. She was about three ship lengths distant, something over fourteen hundred feet.

When he heard the order "hard a-port" on his ship he immediately went to the bridge and was there about a minute before the collision. He never saw the "port" and "hard a-port" about two minutes elapsed, and when the first order was given the bark was about three-quarters of a mile distant. His own officers had told him that there were no lights visible on the bark. There was no confusion on the Empress, and he was able to take the bearing of Cape Beale light instantly after the collision. The light was one half point on the port bow. The liner was making 13.9 knots an hour, but he had no means of judging the speed of the bark.

When witnesses went on the bridge he gave orders for the engines to be stopped, and consequently the Empress had very little way on when she was struck. It was possible for his ship to come to a dead stop from fifteen knots in four minutes.

He was further examined by Mr. Davis, after which an adjournment was taken for lunch. The case is being proceeded with this afternoon.

There was, as on yesterday, a large attendance, and as the case draws on it is quite apparent that the interest becomes keener.

TRIAL OF LAGOWSKI

Was Held Behind Closed Doors—The Prisoner's Defence.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, April 10.—M. M. Witte and Muraviev, ministers of justice and justice respectively, attended the trial of Lagowski, the provincial officer who recently attempted to assassinate Dr. P. P. Polakoff, procurator general of the Holy Synod. The trial, which resulted in a sentence of six years' penal servitude in Siberia, with loss of civil rights, was held behind closed doors.

Lagowski, in his defence, declared it was his intention to free Russia from the reactionary influences of the procurator general.

STEAMERS COLLIDE

Seventy Chineses Reported to Have Been Drowned.

(Associated Press.)

London, April 12.—A special dispatch from Hongkong says that two Chinese steamers came into collision yesterday between Canton and Wu Chow, and that 70 Chinese were drowned.

RATES ON GREAT LAKES

(Associated Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12.—All vessel owners that attended the meeting on Wednesday have signed an agreement not to make any freight contracts during the next ten days at less than 90 cents from ports at the head of Lake Superior, 80 cents from Marquette, and 70 cents from Escanaba, on ore, and 50 cents on coal to the principal ports. The plan as regards the season contracts is to protect all such business among the members of organization. A few owners who did not sign the agreement say they will hold out for the rates named by the pool.

SUDDEN DEATH

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 12.—Chairman Walker, of the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, died suddenly at his home in this city to-day.

—Carpet cleaning by machine, which extracts all the dust and does not injure your carpets—Weiler Bros. Telephone 103.

—The use of parasols has been officially forbidden in many villages of the Tyrol. The peasants say that the startling color irritates the grazing cattle.

—English Kensington Art Squares (made to wear), for which reason they are highly spoken of, are to be seen at headquarters. Weiler Bros.

Engineer's Evidence

Given To-day Before the Public Accounts Committee of Federal House.

J. F. Richardson Says Work on Telegraph Line Was Done Below Estimate.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 12.—At the public accounts committee to-day, J. F. Richardson, electrical engineer of the Canadian Pacific railway, who was in charge of the building of the government telegraph line from Lake Bennett to Dawson City, under J. B. Richardson, was examined.

There was a long discussion as to the poles supplied by J. Y. Rochester, Wisconsin said that at times he and Rochester had disputes, but nothing serious, as to the proper count of poles. This arose from the fact that at times it was cheaper to cut a tree on the spot and use it, than to carry one of the contractor's poles from the river. He was promised by Richardson a bonus if the work was done earlier than they expected to be able to do it. He had not been paid that bonus yet. He presented a claim to the Minister of Public Works, but got no promise that it was to be paid. He had written Richardson since he was promised the bonus, but got no reply. He expected to get the bonus, because he had finished the work on the 28th of September, when the time specified was November 28th.

In reply to the Minister of the Interior he said that he had done some work for the interior department in 1897, and had over 20 years' experience in his business. Richardson said that he had no reason to believe that anyone had practised fraud upon the government in any way in connection with the building of the telegraph line. He never had any idea that there was any fraud. The work was done below the estimate, and ahead of time.

This witness was subpoenaed by Sir Hibbert Tupper.

The House discussed immigration to-day on the motion to go into supply. It was brought up by Mr. Wilson, Lennox.

TWO HUNDRED LEPROS

Reported to Be Living on the Island of Tenerife.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, April 12.—The existence of 200 lepers on the island of Tenerife, Canary Islands, has been only reported here by United States Consul Berliner, at Tenerife. He says:

"Leprosy is somewhat endemic among people here on account of their eating a good deal of fish, often putrid, and their general uncleanliness. As being contagious it is generally discredited here, but in my opinion it is very infectious. In former years Spain had established a colony at Grand Canary for lepers. There were houses there, but they had perfect liberty to wander about until they were cured. They must sleep at the houses built for them. In course of time this law became a dead letter, and they spread over the different islands."

"At Santa Cruz de Tenerife, the capital, there are (from personal knowledge) 22 lepers, 15 of whom are men, and seven are women. Some of these are very unfortunate. They are given a place about 15 minutes' walk from the city hall, where they live in what is called Barranco Santa. There are also living at the same place about 200 people besides, nearly all lepers."

"Officially it is not recognized that leprosy exists on these islands. The provincial government at Tenerife has lately built a large building about two miles out of town. The building has separate wings, one for insane patients, and the other for lepers."

United States Consul Agent Swanson, of Grand Canary Island, in an accompanying report says that leprosy there is decidedly decreasing. There are fifty patients in the leper hospital at Las Palmas. A few families infected with the disease live in their own homes."

AGUINALDO'S SUCCESSOR

General Sanlido Appointed Commander of the Filipinos.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, April 12.—A special dispatch from London says that a telegram this morning announcing that the Filipino General Sanlido had been elected as Aguinaldo's successor as commander of the Filipino forces, as well as dictator during the continuation of the insurrection. Sanlido belongs to a distinguished family residing at Pandacan, near Manila. He is a man of energy, and is well educated, speaking several European languages.

EXTRA INSURANCE

Vessels Sailing for China and Japan Sail on "War Risk" Basis.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, April 12.—The Examiner says: "Vessels bound from this coast to China and Japan are now being put on a 'war risk' basis. This means a heavy addition to the usual rates of insurance and commissions as the class has special hazards. The reason for this decision on the part of marine underwriters is the strained relationship between Japan and Russia."

SHORT OF COAL

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, April 12.—Foundry men and blacksmiths are beginning to feel the shortage of Cumberland coal, which almost amounts to a famine.

FARMER'S DEATH

(Associated Press.)

Manila, Ont. April 12.—John Ferguson, a highly respected farmer, was instantly killed by a tree falling on him on Wednesday.

WHERE AUSTRALIA LEADS.

There are pessimists in the United States who believe that Australia, and not England, will be the future rival of America in the islands of the Pacific and on the Asiatic continent.

Leslie's Weekly asserts that in the valuable item of wool production Australia already leads. South America and Continental Central Europe come next, with about 500,000,000 lb. and 450,000,000 lb. product respectively, while the United States and Canada combined make a bad fourth, with only 272,000,000 lb. out of a total annual output from the whole world of considerably over 2,000,000,000 lb.

Indeed Australia is the only country where wool production is largely on the increase, and it has been estimated that under favorable circumstances her output could be increased to about 1,000,000 lb. annually, or nearly half the world's supply. Also, the Australian has been known to double the number in four years, and this process, if repeated a few times, would soon realize a much more extravagant estimate.

Of course each of the different Australian colonies has its own special characteristics. Queensland is the second largest wool-producing colony after New South Wales, her sheep having increased in twenty years from 3,000,000 to nearly 18,000,000, while the total value of the wool raised there during that period was nearly \$3,000,000,000.

In frozen meats, the Australian states are already cutting a large figure in the world's commerce. No less than thirty refrigerating steamers, with a carrying capacity of nearly two million carcasses, are now running regularly between New Zealand and London, and about seventy more with a similar capacity between Australia and British ports.

Between 1882, when the trade started, and 1896-97 the frozen meat shipments increased from 1,500,000 lb. weight to over 150,000,000 lb. for New Zealand, and the value from next to nothing to \$1,500,000,000, as against about \$600,000 for Australia, and a little over a quarter of a million sterling for New South Wales.

It looks, therefore, as though the boast that the movement of commerce which Australia possesses is bound to make her in the future the great food-producing country of the world, is likely to come true.

NEW RUSSIAN CANAL

A project is now being pushed through the ministry of ways and communications in Russia for uniting the waters of the Gulf of Finland with the White Sea.

The ministry has already sanctioned the plans of the engineers, and there is every prospect that the important work will be commenced this spring. The plan provides for carrying the canal through lakes Ladoga and Onega, and from the northern shore Onega direct to the White Sea. The first part of the canal will consist of the river Neva, about 38 miles long. This river, which has a depth of from 10 to 20 feet, must be deepened in order to allow for the passage of large ships of war. From Lakes Ladoga and Onega the canal will pass through the smaller lakes Sego and Viyege, which are also connected by means of a tolerable deep river, and from thence to Saratovskaya, where it will touch the White Sea.

This new waterway will have a total length of about 630 miles, of which about one-half will be through already existing rivers, and the other half through lakes. The distance between the capital and the new naval station on the White Sea will be curtailed by means of this canal more than 1,500 miles. The importance of the canal is solely strategic. From the trader's point of view it will open up a vast region to commerce hitherto closed; a country will be traversed rich in rye and oats, furs, hides, etc.—Lefevre Hour.

T. H. Porter, chief stoker of the navy yard, and Miss S. Dury, were united in marriage on Wednesday last at 7 p. m. at St. Paul's church, Esplanade, by Rev. Canon Bonland. After the ceremony the bride party were escorted to the Blue Ribbon hall by blue-jackets, where a reception was held. Miss B. Hopper acted as bridesmaid, and E. S. Michell performed the duty of best man.

Mrs. Brim, wife of Mr. Brim, of Discovery Island, passed away yesterday. The deceased was 55 years of age and a native of Stratford, Ontario. The remains will arrive in the city this afternoon, and the funeral will take place to-morrow.

Tug Mystery, which ran ashore in Raynes Sound yesterday while en route for the wreck of the stranded steamer Williamette, arrived in port this afternoon, little, if any, damaged as a result of her encounter with the rock.

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—Scanner Duke of Fife, which is due from the Orient, had not been reported at the time of going to press.

—Excellent programme at the drill hall concert to-morrow night.

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The hands of female mummies found in the tombs of Egypt are literally covered with rings, in many instances there being from two to six on every finger. In some cases these ornaments are composed wholly of gold, but in others, which probably represent all that is left of a poor man's wife or daughter, the rings are brass, glass, or pottery ware.

Lord Salisbury has not left the grounds of his villa at Beaulieu since his arrival.

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"Bobs" and Sick Soldier

A Boer War Episode That Helps to Explain His Great Popularity.

How the British Commander-in-Chief Cheered Up His Invalid Comrade.

Private Miller, No. 3,203, lay in the end cot. The big school room had been turned into a hospital, and the blackboards stretched around the walls like a band of premature mourning.

Once he had been a very big man, but now his hairy arms that lay listlessly outside the cover were almost the same size from wrist to shoulder, and every bone in his skull showed plainly through the skin. His hair had been clipped and he had his beard, but a thick stubble hid his big gawky jaws.

The doctor said that he was probably going to recover, but he did not look it. Enteric fever had made such a wreck of him that death seemed to be written in his deep sunken eyes and sound in the weak, hollow tones of his voice.

He was used to hospital life, having been down to Wymberg twice in the first six months of the war, with Mausemer in him. Then he got the fever at Natal Spruit, and this was all that was left to look at—the mere framework of the strongest man in the regiment.

It was very quiet in the bare, little room. Occasionally a man muttered, but a rule they all lay there with their eyelids closed, or else looking blankly up at the ceilings in a slow breathing, half-waking sleep.

An army nursing sister came into the room quietly. Some of the men followed her with their eyes. She went to the little table near the window and put a little bunch of flowers in a glass. She wasn't very pretty; she was tall and angular, and had prominent front teeth that were continually showing, but her very presence seemed to brighten the room. The little cot, with its long, white streamers, appeared to soften the strongly marked face.

After she had arranged the flowers she turned to the end cot and straightened the pillow with a knowing pull here and a soft pat there. She was very proud of him, was Sister Potter, for twice she had put the little screen around his bed, behind which men are expected to be more privately as it were, and make their exit as gracefully as they can, alone and uninterrupted.

But Sister Potter had determined to pull him through, if possible. Not that she was not determined to get every one through who came into her hands, but this man especially, for the orderlies said that the end cot would soon be vacant. And there were plenty enough waiting out in the tents of No. 5 field hospital to fill it a score of times.

The volunteer surgeon who had charge of the ward declared that Sister Potter had saved Private Miller by sheer force of will. Every one knew she had a will of her own, and her word was law. But whatever it was, the screen had been withdrawn and the cloud of death had passed by the end cot to settle suddenly and unexpectedly on a light case near the doorway.

The volunteer surgeon had not said anything to her patient as she arranged his pillow. She had simply smiled at him, more with her eyes than her lips, which were open continually. She felt his brow with her long, cold fingers.

Number 3,203 looked up at her. He did not smile in return, but started to say something, and after one or two efforts came out at last weakly:

"Is the little man comin' to see me?" he asked.

The nurse did not reply at first. It was the same thing he had said over and over again in his delirium: When was the little man comin' why wouldn't they let him in? He was just outside there asking for Private Miller. Over and over again, in all sorts of ways, it had been repeated, as a question, a complaint, or a request. Now he was without a degree of fever, and yet with the same words on his lips.

"Oh, he's coming soon, but I suppose he is very busy now," said the nurse quietly, and as she spoke it was evident wherein lay her power and charm. It was her voice, so low and sweet and comforting. Many a poor fellow had listened to it and never known why he felt better. Many had found the secret, and questioned her for the mere sake of the sound of her reply. Private Miller only nodded his head slowly two or three times, as if he agreed and was consoled.

In the evening, as is customary with the fever, his temperature rose, and when the nurse came to give him his little bowl of arrowroot, he was a little flighty and would not touch it.

"He waud na coom," he muttered. "He's hard pressed wi' ta big fight that's comin' on. I want to dee—he waud na coom."

"No, he couldn't come to-day," said Sister Potter, "but perhaps to-morrow."

The nurse went out and told the volunteer surgeon; and that night he dined with a member of the headquarters staff. The convalescents, in their light blue hospital suits with the broad, white trimmings, stood up and saluted. A little knot of red-capped nurses in the corridor were in a flutter of whispering. The orderlies standing at the entrance of the ward, from into an attitude of attention; Sister Potter bent over Private Miller's pillow.

"He'll be here in a few minutes," she said.

"Who?"

"The little man. You know you wanted to see him."

"God guide us, I'm not fit to be sent out as I am a shave first, eh? A'm sair unkenner."

He put his weak fingers to his rough, hairy chin. "I'm disreputable. But you're na meen' it," he added weakly. "He waud na take the trouble to see the like of me."

In reply the nurse gave a little soothing caress to his wasted, bony hand.

Down the corridor came four or five

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khaki-clad figures. At the head walked the volunteer surgeon and beside him, with a strong, quick step, walked a short, well built figure, clad in an immaculate and neat uniform, held in by a broad belt and cross straps. Above it rose a kindly, strong face, with a gentle, almost merry expression in the eyes. A firm mouth with strong downward lines, yet sympathetic as a woman's, a brow furrowed by care and work and a voice that, like the nurse's, made one's heart warm to him, completed the man.

It was the "little man," "Bobs, the beloved."

The occupant of the end cot caught sight of him just as he entered. He struggled to rise, but Sister Potter's hand restrained him. He saluted none the less, with a swift movement at first, and then a drop to the cot, as if the effort had been too much for him. His face flushed and his breath heaved. For an instant the sister looked at him nervously. The other men in the room, who were all convalescents, rose to a sitting posture.

The Field Marshal took them all in with a sweeping, kindly recognition, and walked to the end cot quickly. He sat down on the edge and took the big, red, hairy paw in his.

"Well, Miller," he said, "I've come to see you. They tell me you're doing famously and soon will be out there sitting in the sun."

"The man could not reply. His eyes shifted from the Field Marshal's face to the hand that was holding his own. Two or three times his lips moved, but he could not speak. But the little man was talking again."

"And now I'm going to tell you what we're going to do with you," he went on. "As soon as you're strong enough, we're going to send you to England, to home, and then when you come back you're going to get your stripes, for your captain has spoken very well of you. You were wounded at Belmont, I understand, and at Kodesberg, weren't you?"

But Private 3,203 could not even move his head in reply. He just looked and looked; so the Field Marshal gave him a slight farewell hand grasp, then a friendly nod, and with a word that included all the others and an answer to their salute, he took his staff and his presence from the room.

As for Private Miller, he looked up at the sister, smiled a weak smile and faintly dead away. When he came to himself, the first words he said were these: "Dye ken the little man; he took my hand. A'm to get well soon! He took ma hand."

And with that he lay there, looking at the almost neutral member, as if it were a valuable curiosity.

WALL STREET.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 12.—The tone of the market at the opening was considerably unsettled, the general tendency was down, but it was contested at some points. The Southwesterns were notably depressed, Wash. pd. losing a point, and Kansas & Texas pd. 1/4. Reading second pd. lost 1/4. Amal. Copper was forced down 1/4 after a few irregular fluctuations. Anaconda broke 2/8. N. P. was quoted at 97 to 97 1/2, compared with 97 1/2 last night, and afterwards fell back to 97. Burlington was lifted 1/4, but broke 1/4. The stock market opened heavy. Amal. Copper, 115; Atchafalaya, 180; B. & O., 91 1/2; B. R. T., 31 1/2; Erie, 37 1/2; do. 1st pd., 70; L. & N., 103 1/2; Man., 129 1/2; Mo. Pac., 101 1/2; N. Y. C. & H. P., 97 to 97 1/2; B. I., 167 1/2; Reading, 2nd pd., 50 1/2; St. Paul, 153 1/2; Sugar, 145 1/2; Southern, 27 1/2; Southern pd., 78 1/2; S. P., 44 1/2; Tobacco, 124 1/2; U. P., 91 1/2; United States Steel, 47 1/2; United States Steel pd., 94 1/2.

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